REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are claims 1-4, 6-20, 23, 25-27, 29-50 and 52-57. The Office Action dated October 7, 2008 has been carefully considered. Examiner's determination that claims 4-6, 17-20, 26-33, 36-38, 40-43, 47, 49, 50, 52 and 53 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Claims 5, 21, 22, 24, 28 and 51 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections in the Office Action are now moot in light of the following amendments to the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to further include the limitations originally included in claim 5, which was one of the claims that the Examiner had found to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-4, 6-20, and 52-55 all depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

Claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations originally included in claims 24 and 28. Original claim 28 was determined by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submit that amended claim 23 is now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 25-27, 29-50 and 56 and 57 all depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 23. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims are a respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0665, Order No. 020305-004010.

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